

MINUTES
ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 19, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sanjay Saha, Robert Kollar, Sara Jane Lowry, Cynthia Richey, Diane Yates, and Shawn Flaherty.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Kumer and J. Terrence Farrell

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Jenkins, Ronald Stout, Carolyn Marks, Connie Galbraith, Tina LaMark, Rebecca Serey, Glenn Walsh, and directors and trustees of the following libraries: Brentwood Library, Crafton Public Library, Scott Township Public Library, Sewickley Public Library, Whitehall Public Library, and Wilkinsburg Public Library.

6:05 P.M. Call to order – Sanjay Saha

A. Determination of Quorum – Quorum established.

B. Public Comments

1. Glenn Walsh, patron, read a statement to the Board regarding the PA Sunshine Act.
2. Kathy Robinson, LAC Chair, announced at the request of 13 directors a special meeting of the LAC is scheduled for May 28 at Penn Hills Library for ongoing discussion of the eiNetwork issue as well as consideration of representation of the LAC on the ACLA Board.
3. Janet Forton, Scott Township Library director, asked the Board whether they had met with the CLP Board regarding eiNetwork. Saha replied they had not.
4. Russell Walker, Whitehall Public Library trustee, questioned the dual role of Richey as vice-president and LAC representative and whether those positions should be held separately. Stout stated the bylaws are silent on this issue. Discussion by the Board pointed out that no ACLA Board member is treated any differently in the bylaws than any other Board member, appointed or elected, and so all should be considered eligible for office.
5. Richey stated she received communications from Brentwood, C.C. Mellor, Oakmont, and South Park Library regarding eiNetwork and was forwarding copies to the Board. Jenkins was to acquire permission from those libraries to distribute publicly.

C. Request for Additions or Changes to the Agenda

1. Saha requested discussion on the Governance Committee structure.

Action and Discussion Items

- A. eiNetwork Discussion – Saha spoke with the four ACLA representatives to the eiNetwork Board regarding the terms of their appointments. Paula Calabrese volunteered to step down as she has served the longest, effective once the LAC identifies a technology representative. Jenkins reported the eiNetwork Board had received all the questions from the Members and was determining a process for replying. She reported CLP received preliminary costs in regard to Scenario #3 with those figures are approximately \$1.2 million plus transition costs. As this amount is about twice what eiNetwork currently spends on CLP services, the eiNetwork Board decided a consolidated governance and decision-making model would be the best option going forward. Mike Nangia was instructed to get costs from vendors for the entire consortium. Saha suggested an ad-hoc committee composed of one director, one trustee, and one technological person from each region be convened to evaluate a consolidated service model that would serve the needs of both ACLA and CLP. MOTION to that effect was made by Richey and seconded by Lowry. The committee would need to report back by mid-June with a special meeting of the General Membership to be scheduled the end of June. MOTION carried unanimously.
- B. RAD Library Committee – Flaherty and Richey’s report has been submitted to RAD. Farrell is to revise the Formula Committee meeting minutes on official ACLA letterhead for submission to the RAD in June.
- C. Governance Committee – Saha noted that Michael Kumer expressed interest in serving on the Governance Committee in place of Dorothy Davis. Flaherty asked the Board to table the vote until Kumer was present for the Board to hear his reasons for his request and also discuss his skill set in detail. Saha suggested this be placed on the agenda for the June meeting. Board concurred. Lowry also explained the Governance Committee charge in the bylaws.
- D. Sto-Rox Library Request – Jenkins was asked to clarify the status of the Sto-Rox Library request. She indicated that no response has been made as the original request had been placed based on new service standards that were adopted by the Membership in May of 2006 and that the Library would have been unable to meet. Those standards were subsequently suspended. The Board and Members will need to resolve the matter of standards in order to determine potential consequences for the Sto-Rox Library and others. Jenkins explained the various levels of State standards (system member, independent library quality aid, and independent library incentive aid). Yates requested Jenkins create a chart detailing these State standards. Flaherty asked for a brief statement from the Sto-Rox Library documenting its request. This will be discussed at the July meeting.
- E. RAD Budget Presentation – Kollar suggested Board members participate with Jenkins in this year’s presentation. The Board agreed. The Board asked for more detail on the costs of the outside firm’s work on the presentation. Jenkins indicated she would provide this before the next Board meeting.

Minutes and Reports

- A. Approval of Minutes – MOTION made by Yates and seconded by Richey to approve the previously amended March minutes with additional corrections. MOTION carried unanimously. Corrections in both the April and May minutes were noted by Richey and those minutes will be re-presented at the June meeting.
- B. President –Saha noted he had met with Kumer who volunteered to serve on the Governance Committee.
- C. Ombudsman – No contact reported from Larry Foulke.
- D. Treasurer's Report – Kollar presented the April financial reports and noted the organization was in a strong financial position. He also noted the Finance Committee had met and reviewed a draft 2009 budget.
- E. Executive Director – In addition to her report, Jenkins noted meetings with legislators that had been held and others being scheduled. She also presented the “Success of ACLA” marketing piece to be presented to legislators, foundations, and other potential funders describing who ACLA is, what we've done, and where the organization is focused going forward in the future. Saha asked for comments from Board members within two weeks.
- F. Formula Committee – Farrell not present but Richey reported meetings were underway in the regions to establish a priority list for review of Mission and Vision and that the process is proceeding on time and as scheduled.
- G. Written Reports
 - 1. LAC – Report submitted by Robinson is attached to these minutes.
 - 2. District Services – Report submitted by Galbraith is attached to these minutes.

The public session of the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. Flaherty made a request for Executive Session. MOTION made by Richey and seconded by Flaherty for the Board to convene to Executive Session. MOTION carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia K. Richey, Acting Secretary